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All People	294,345	38,796	1,168	13.2	0.4	297,531	40,559	1,315	13.6	0.4	299,909	42,028	1,388	14.0	0.5
Race and Hispanic Origin															
White ³	235,386	26,829	979	11.4	0.4	237,150	27,466	1,086	11.6	0.5	238,411	28,414	1,205	11.9	0.5
White, non-Hispanic ⁴	193,810	17,126	772	8.8	0.4	194,507	17,527	801	9.0	0.4	194,464	18,144	868	9.3	0.4
Black ³	37,160	8,992	549	24.2	1.5	37,765	9,721	577	25.7	1.5	38,243	10,072	622	26.3	1.6
Asian ³	11,233	1,118	199	9.9	1.7	11,761	1,228	240	10.4	2.0	12,045	1,301	244	10.8	1.9
Hispanic ⁴	45,668	11,042	668	24.2	1.4	47,088	11,393	698	24.2	1.5	48,453	11,747	793	24.2	1.6
Non-Hispanic	248,676	27,754	1,013	11.2	0.4	250,443	29,166	1,072	11.6	0.4	251,456	30,280	1,097	12.0	0.4
Age															
Under 18 years	72,839	14,712	611	20.2	0.8	73,430	15,430	640	21.0	0.9	73,427	15,559	657	21.2	0.9
18 to 64 years	185,279	21,914	663	11.8	0.4	187,251	22,874	773	12.2	0.4	188,552	23,883	878	12.7	0.5
65 years and over	36,227	2,170	189	6.0	0.5	36,850	2,255	191	6.1	0.5	37,931	2,586	197	6.8	0.5
Sex															
Male	143,577	17,266	604	12.0	0.4	145,473	18,344	705	12.6	0.5	146,952	18,795	720	12.8	0.5
Female	150,768	21,530	688	14.3	0.5	152,058	22,215	765	14.6	0.5	152,957	23,233	808	15.2	0.5
Educational Attainment⁵ (people 18 years and over)															
Less than 4 years of high school	28,733	7,027	404	24.5	1.1	27,531	7,148	415	26.0	1.2	26,401	7,036	475	26.6	1.5
High school graduate, no college	56,029	7,182	359	12.8	0.6	58,984	7,777	423	13.2	0.7	61,071	8,827	436	14.5	0.7
One of more years of college	136,743	9,876	400	7.2	0.3	137,585	10,204	464	7.4	0.3	139,010	10,606	484	7.6	0.4
Disability Status (people 15 to 69 years)															
With a work disability	25,777	5,660	277	22.0	0.9	26,537	6,034	367	22.7	1.2	27,770	6,370	409	22.9	1.3
With no work disability	183,461	18,995	649	10.4	0.4	184,755	19,686	716	10.7	0.4	185,220	20,254	784	10.9	0.4
Residence															
Metropolitan	246,196	30,707	1,246	12.5	0.4	246,990	31,691	1,383	12.8	0.5	248,608	32,621	1,425	13.1	0.5
Nonmetropolitan	48,149	8,090	1,142	16.8	1.5	50,541	8,868	1,143	17.5	1.5	51,301	9,406	1,178	18.3	1.4
Region															
Northeast	53,419	5,546	438	10.4	0.8	53,607	6,205	555	11.6	1.0	53,830	6,357	539	11.8	1.0
Midwest	64,551	7,860	481	12.2	0.7	64,892	8,047	575	12.4	0.9	65,044	8,155	640	12.5	1.0
South	108,045	16,590	809	15.4	0.7	109,466	16,994	846	15.5	0.8	110,818	17,523	910	15.8	0.8
West	68,329	8,799	547	12.9	0.8	69,565	9,313	549	13.4	0.8	70,217	9,992	612	14.2	0.9

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Family Status															
In families	244,270	29,360	1,074	12.0	0.4	247,476	30,717	1,177	12.4	0.5	249,429	32,103	1,259	12.9	0.5
With related children under 18 years	153,053	25,753	1,060	16.8	0.7	154,643	27,020	1,131	17.5	0.7	155,784	27,881	1,197	17.9	0.8
In married-couple families	185,951	13,366	818	7.2	0.4	188,226	14,097	918	7.5	0.5	189,070	14,999	952	7.9	0.5
With related children under 18 years	111,826	11,004	780	9.8	0.7	113,138	11,696	851	10.3	0.7	114,387	12,498	887	10.9	0.8
In families with a female householder, no husband present	44,555	13,938	705	31.3	1.5	45,064	14,344	738	31.8	1.6	45,964	14,812	785	32.2	1.5
With related children under 18 years	32,626	12,989	686	39.8	1.9	32,651	13,343	729	40.9	2.1	32,582	13,469	754	41.3	2.0
In families with a male householder, no wife present	13,764	2,056	290	14.9	2.0	14,186	2,277	298	16.0	2.0	14,395	2,291	314	15.9	2.0
With related children under 18 years	8,600	1,761	263	20.5	2.8	8,854	1,981	278	22.4	2.9	8,816	1,914	299	21.7	3.0
Unrelated individuals	50,075	9,436	343	18.8	0.7	50,055	9,842	401	19.7	0.8	50,480	9,925	429	19.7	0.8
In non-family households	46,020	7,955	298	17.3	0.6	46,526	8,404	372	18.1	0.8	47,293	8,713	409	18.4	0.9
Employment and Labor Force Status (people 18 years and over)															
Employed absent from work	2,701	453	80	16.8	2.7	2,235	317	78	14.2	3.1	2,036	334	72	16.4	3.3
Employed full-time	106,377	4,547	280	4.3	0.3	104,084	4,473	274	4.3	0.3	104,801	4,714	312	4.5	0.3
Employed part-time	33,550	4,728	288	14.1	0.8	32,670	4,373	265	13.4	0.7	32,611	4,662	314	14.3	0.9
Unemployed	9,659	2,870	224	29.7	2.1	13,326	3,842	266	28.8	1.7	11,804	3,568	315	30.2	2.2
Not in labor force	69,219	11,487	467	16.6	0.6	71,785	12,124	533	16.9	0.7	75,230	13,191	541	17.5	0.7
Marital Status (people 18 years and over)															
Married	121,700	7,461	425	6.1	0.3	121,630	7,465	439	6.1	0.4	121,462	8,010	502	6.6	0.4
Separated, divorced, or widowed	41,780	6,466	306	15.5	0.7	41,994	6,742	322	16.1	0.7	42,745	7,413	352	17.3	0.8
Never married	58,026	10,158	425	17.5	0.7	60,477	10,922	451	18.1	0.7	62,275	11,046	523	17.7	0.8
Family Size															
1 person (unrelated individual)	50,075	9,436	343	18.8	0.7	50,055	9,842	401	19.7	0.8	50,480	9,925	429	19.7	0.8
2 people	73,056	5,630	369	7.7	0.5	71,761	5,730	397	8.0	0.5	70,462	5,993	382	8.5	0.5
3 people	52,797	5,993	465	11.4	0.8	53,230	5,900	500	11.1	0.9	54,100	6,436	544	11.9	1.0
4 people	58,616	6,771	495	11.6	0.8	61,106	7,114	593	11.6	0.9	61,430	7,232	556	11.8	0.9
5 people	33,892	5,722	565	16.9	1.5	34,863	6,099	618	17.5	1.7	36,666	6,604	654	18.0	1.6
6 or more people	25,909	5,245	620	20.2	2.2	26,516	5,875	641	22.2	2.1	26,771	5,838	622	21.8	2.1

¹ Panel and yearly estimates are based on different samples. The 3-year panel estimates include only respondents in the panel for 36 months whereas calendar year estimates include respondents in sample for 12 months. The numbers of respondents in each sample are as follows: 48,937 in the 3-year panel, 73,695 in 2009, 67,452 in 2010, and 62,841 in 2011.

² A 90 percent confidence interval (C.I.) is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate.

³ Federal surveys, including the SIPP 2004 and 2008 Panel, give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. These data can be shown in two ways: (1) as mutually exclusive from other race groups, which may be denoted by "alone" or (2) not mutually exclusive with other race groups, denoted by "alone or in combination with other race groups." The figures, tables, and text in this report show race using the first method.

⁴ Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap data for racial groups. Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for these groups because they consist of many distinct subgroups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration.

⁵ In the 2004 and 2008 SIPP Panels, educational attainment variables were incorrectly coded for some respondents starting in Wave 2. Corrected files have been rereleased for the 2008 Panel for Waves 2 to 5, and starting in Wave 6, the corrected values were automatically included in the initial person-level data files. Corrected files were also rereleased for Waves 2 to 12 of the 2004 Panel. These estimates reflect those corrections to the educational attainment variables.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel. For information on confidentiality protection and sampling and nonsampling error, see <www.census.gov/sipp/source.html>.